

## **APPENDIX D**

### **River Services Company 10/16/06 Dive Survey**

**West Cote Blanche Bay  
MAR07MM001**

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## PRELIMINARY REPORT

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**Mr. Rick Kessenich**

**CRANE / SPUD BARGE  
"ATHENA-106"  
FIRE / EXPLOSION  
GULFPORT ENERGY COMPANY  
CYPRE MORT POINT  
EAST COTE BLANCHE BAY  
DOI: OCTOBER 12, 2006**

Dear Mr. Kessenich,

Acting in response to your request, we proceeded to conduct a dive survey on the above named vessel and pipeline on Friday and Saturday, October 13, and 14, 2006 as directed.

## REPORT

Barge "Athena-106" is spuded down in an east to west manner near GPS coordinates: 29°40; 862' N and 091°48; 725' W.

The aft spud apparently made contact and cut a 6" gas pipeline in two.

The west side of the 6" pipeline is making contact with the spud the east side of the 6" pipeline has blown out and is approximately 18" east of the spud wall. Approximately 25' of the 6" pipeline is blown out at the bottom of the line 0" to 8".

There is a 3" line making contact with the aft spud on the inboard side and is approximately 4'0" off of the bottom of the bay. The line is hand movable 3" up and down the spud. This 3" line appears undamaged this 3" line also crosses the 6" line just forward of the aft spud.

There is another 3" pipeline approximately 28' to the east of the aft port spud and crosses the 6" line also, apparently undamaged.

Water depth mound the "Athen-106" averages 7'0" at high tide.

There is a crater at the damaged area approximately 11' deep with the top of the crater at approximately 9' elevating to the natural bottom at 7'0".

The bottom of the bay is soft mud at all inspected locations.

We found no damage to the bottom of the vessel due to the fire and/or explosion

The 6" pipeline was buoyed by 2 - red and one yellow markers.

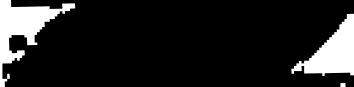
Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Attending Diver:  
Mr. Jim Knaust

Attachments:  
Diagram

Sincerely yours,

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